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## [54] ELECTROLYTIC TREATMENT OF VEGETABLE PROTEIN

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### ABSTRACT

A process for the treatment of a vegetable protein is disclosed wherein the disulfide bonds of the protein are electrolytically reduced to provide a protein of improved functionality. Electrolytic reduction also results in unexpected removal of many of the naturally occurring pigments contained in a vegetable protein, such as soy protein, to provide a protein of improved whiteness.

32 Claims, 2 Drawing Figures